



Mr. Ronnie Groeneveld

November 23, 1923 - February 9, 2014

Mr. Ronnie Groeneveld of High River passed away at his home on Sunday, February 9, 2014 at the age of 90 years. Ronnie is survived by his four children Ria (Darwin), Janet, Gary (Gail) and Tony (Trudy); his grandchildren Robert (Sabrina), Christopher (Carrie), Nathan, Christina (Henry), Leah (Jeremy), Devin (Erin), Joshua (Katie), Levi (Bryony), Matt (Dani), Jacob, Katelyn and Alex; his great-grandchildren Ryan, Paul, Marie, Kayden, Shailyn, Danika, Austin, Gavin and Zoe. Ronnie was predeceased by his loving wife Marie in 2009.

He served with the Dutch Underground resistance during WWII and the Dutch Military in Indonesia. He met his wife Marie following his return from Indonesia in their home town of Pernis, Holland. Ronnie and Marie were married on June 27, 1951 and immigrated to Canada from Holland in 1954. They farmed in the Blackie area until they retired to High River in 1994. Ronnie loved things that grew whether it was grain, animals, flowers and especially strawberries. Family was very important to Ronnie especially his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Ronnie was very involved in his community including the curling club, Legion, Nanton Bomber Command Museum as well as the High River United Church.

Ronnie grew up in war time Holland and was extremely grateful to the men and women who freed Holland from oppression. He was well known for telling

his story of thanks for the food drops his country received during the war.

Ronnie will be sorrowfully missed by his family and all those who knew him.

If desired in memory of Ronnie memorial donations may be made to the Nanton Bomber Command Museum (Box 1051, Nanton, AB, T0L 1R0). A Celebration of Ronnie's Life will be held on Tuesday, February 18th at 2:00 p.m. at the High River United Church. To send condolences and view Ronnie's Tribute Page please visit www.lylereeves.com . Caring for the family is Lyle Reeves Funerals of High River (Craig Snodgrass) 403.652.4242.

Cemetery Details

Highwood Cemetery

High River, AB (CA)

Previous Events

Celebration of Life Service

FEB 18. 2:00 PM (MT)

High River United Church
123 Macleod Trail South
High River, AB (CA)
(403) 652-3168
hruc@telus.net
<http://www.highriverunitedchurch.org/>

Tribute Wall



“ *The service for Mr. Ronnie Groeneveld is now available for viewing online.*

<http://webcasts.lifetributes.com/467669>

*Thank You,
Lyle Reeves Funerals*

Lyle Reeves Funerals - February 20, 2014 at 10:18 AM



“ *Our sincere sympathy to all the family of Ron Groeneveld. We will miss seeing and visiting with him at the Legion, Church and laying the wreath at the remembrance day service. We were unable to be at the service today as we are in Arizona but watched it live on the webcam, just like we were there.*

Murray & Wilma Williamson

Wilma Williamson - February 18, 2014 at 10:36 PM



“ *Kelly Malmberg & Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ronnie Groeneveld*



Kelly Malmberg & Family - February 18, 2014 at 04:36 PM

NM

“ With our deepest sympathy.....He was an awesome man.....

May you know the comfort of God at this most difficult time.

Nancy and Clare

Nancy Martin - February 18, 2014 at 04:14 PM

GH

“ *Ria, Janet, Gary, Tony and families*

Our deepest sympathy for your loss. We're sorry we can't be there to celebrate Ronnie's life with you. He was a special man.

Greg, Tam, Adam and Nicole

Greg House - February 18, 2014 at 01:14 PM

CP

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you all. I will miss seeing Ron at church, he always sat right behind the choir and I would just have to turn around to greet him. His yearly thank you to the Canadian flyers for the food drop was always moving and heartfelt. He will be missed. Celia Penman*

Celia Penman - February 18, 2014 at 08:50 AM

RN

“ *To all the family, our condolences and thoughts are with you today as you celebrate the life of a wonderful man. Thinking about you all. Tom and Rhonda Neufeld (Elliott)*

Rhonda Neufeld - February 18, 2014 at 07:53 AM

JL

“ *Jan Lodder purchased the A Full Life for the family of Mr. Ronnie Groeneveld.*



Jan Lodder - February 17, 2014 at 12:55 PM

BT

“ *Gary, Gail, family, so very sorry to hear of the loss of your father our hearts go out to you all with our deepest sympathy Chris & Bev Turner*

Bev Turner - February 17, 2014 at 10:38 AM

DS

“ *To the families of Ronnie, we send our sincere condolences and sympathy. He will be remembered for his quick smile and warm handshake.
Don and Selma*

Don and Selma - February 16, 2014 at 11:29 PM

BE

“ *What a great man. He always had time for a big smile and a chat. I never tired of seeing him or having a visit. He will be missed by my husband and I. My sympathy goes out to his wonderful family. He will live long in our hearts. God speed you into paradise!*

bob and linda egeland - February 16, 2014 at 08:31 PM

BM

“ *Our Thoughts and Prayers go out to the Groeneveld family. We are deeply sorry to hear about the death of your Dad / Grandfather. Please accept our heartfelt condolences.*

Bruce & Robin McConnell

Bruce McConnell - February 16, 2014 at 03:10 PM

MS

“ *4 files added to the album More family...*



Margaret Speelman - February 16, 2014 at 01:26 PM

DZ

“ *Our thoughts and prayers go out to the Groeneveld Family. Ronnie was always smiling and had such wonderful stories to tell when we visited. May Gods strength be with you all during this difficult time.*



Jerry and Sonja de Zeeuw

de Zeeuw - February 16, 2014 at 10:58 AM

JS

“ Dear Gary, Gail and family, Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. "Perhaps they are not stars but rather openings in Heaven where the love of our lost ones shines down to let us know they are with us." Love Darrell, Janice and family

Janice Sturko - February 15, 2014 at 03:22 PM

NM

“ Nancy MacKillop lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ronnie Groeneveld



Nancy MacKillop - February 15, 2014 at 06:36 AM

KH

“ To the Groeneveld family; I was thankful to have spent this Christmas with Ron and my dear family. Ron has been a wonderful example to everyone, a hard working farmer and beloved husband, father and grandfather. He was always there for all his grandchildren and great grandchildren and they will miss their Opa so very much. A man who loved life and appreciated all that had been given to him over his 90 blessed years. My heart felt sympathy to all of you, with my love, God Bless you and give you the strength you need at this time. Grandma Kay

Kay Hendry - February 14, 2014 at 10:47 PM

LL

“ Your Dad had a wonderful zest for life that he was willing to share. It was a pleasure to know him.

Lynne Lair - February 14, 2014 at 07:47 PM

RA

“ Rhonda & Danny Arrington purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Mr. Ronnie Groeneveld.



Rhonda & Danny Arrington - February 14, 2014 at 06:38 PM

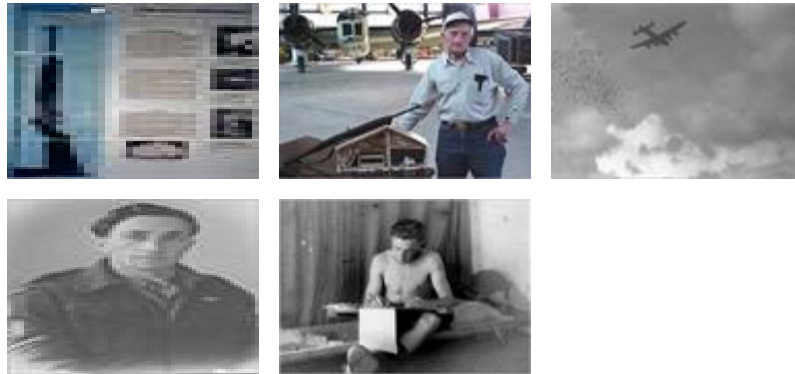
GF

“ Please accept our heartfelt condolences on the loss of an amazing man. Our family has been blessed to have known Ronnie. We will have in our hearts the memories of engaging conversations and enjoyable laughter filled visits. Our trips to High River and the farm at Blackie will be missed.

Grant & Diana (de Jong) Irvine & family - February 14, 2014 at 10:36 AM

TG

“ 11 files added to the album *War Time*



Tony Groeneveld - February 14, 2014 at 12:13 AM

TG

“ 12 files added to the album *Farming through the years*



Tony Groeneveld - February 13, 2014 at 11:58 PM

DL

“ Please accept our sympathy. Ronnie was loved by all, and loved you all. His appreciation of, and zest for life, will be missed by everyone who knew him.

Darryl and Camille Laycraft and families

Darryl Laycraft - February 13, 2014 at 09:52 PM

SR

“ Had the privilege of getting to know Ronnie during the creation of our book in 2011, (my writers group, Monday Morning Writers Group published it) *Hope in the Colour of Orange: Dutch Civilian Memories of War and Liberation*, and Ronnie had an important story in it. He was, in fact, our most enthusiastic ambassador! He was one of the legion of people from the Netherlands who came to this country after WWII and became devoted and valued Canadians. Just a kind, lovely and enthusiastic man. He will be missed.

Susan Raby-Dunne - February 13, 2014 at 01:46 PM

MB

“ I always enjoyed my visits with Ronnie although I was not always sure if we understood each other! He was very interested in our boys and their activities in the army and that he understood what they were going through. Ronnie was a good farmer and a very nice man and we are sorry for your loss. Joanne & Michael Bird

Michael Bird - February 13, 2014 at 11:00 AM

LK

“ Ria & Darwin,

Sincere Sympathy on your father's passing.

Len & Kay Kidd

Len & Kay - February 13, 2014 at 09:30 AM

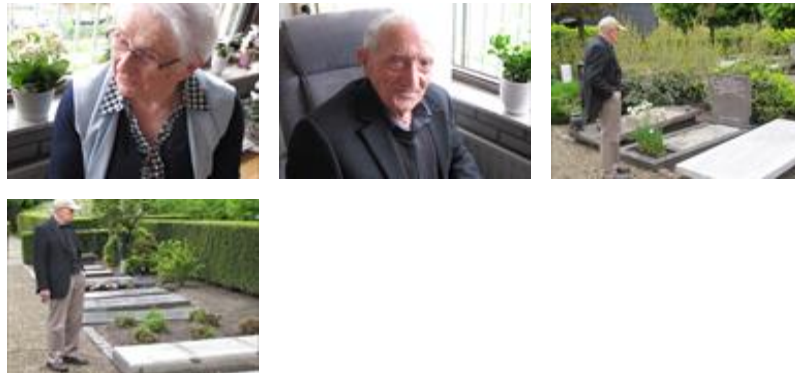
EH

“ Thoughts are with the Groeneveld family at this sad time. Ronnie was always such a friendly man and it was a treat to visit with him when our paths crossed. Rest in Peace.

Eric & Cheryl Heinz - February 13, 2014 at 08:54 AM

JS

“ 4 files added to the album herinnering Holland april 2012



Jany Stout - February 13, 2014 at 07:16 AM

JG

“ *Thinking of the Groeneveld Family at this sad time. Ronnie was a very gentle, lovely man. We enjoyed visiting with him at the Legion on Wednesday nights (and Ria).
Doug & Judy Green*

Judy Green - February 12, 2014 at 08:19 PM

GG

“ 2 files added to the album *New Album Name*



Gail Groeneveld - February 12, 2014 at 07:42 PM

MS

“ Thinking of you all at hearing of Uncle Ronnie's passing. He was a wonderful man and we so enjoyed his stories of Holland We were so glad we had the pleasure to share Christmas dinner with him in Red Deer. He will be greatly missed and fondly remembered. Randy and Marylou Speelman

Marylou Speelman - February 12, 2014 at 06:28 PM

MH

“ It was an honor to know you.



marilyn howe - February 12, 2014 at 03:13 PM

KP

“ Kymme Paul lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ronnie Groeneveld



Kymme Paul - February 12, 2014 at 01:06 PM

RW

“ Russ & Sharon Watkins lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ronnie Groeneveld



Russ & Sharon Watkins - February 12, 2014 at 11:24 AM

RC

“ Robert And JoAnne Corbett lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ronnie Groeneveld



Robert and JoAnne Corbett - February 12, 2014 at 10:23 AM

TF

“ The Moor Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ronnie Groeneveld



The Moor Family - February 12, 2014 at 08:50 AM

E(

“ Eunice Schmuland (Brackley) lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ronnie Groeneveld



Eunice Schmuland (Brackley) - February 11, 2014 at 11:13 PM

IR

“ We are so sorry to hear of Ronnie's passing. He was such a great gentleman. Al and Irene Richards



Irene Richards - February 11, 2014 at 07:37 PM

KC

“ With special thoughts and prayers for the Groeneveld family . It is with both sadness and gratefulness that I read of Ronnie's passing today. My Gratefulness is in knowing such a wonderful person - your father, It was when he and Marie built their home in High River that I had the privilege to work with them. Then, again, living on the same block as they did allowed for 'hello's ' and waves. Often a fresh bun from mom's famous kitchen when a visit allowed. Then, when Ria and Dad would be at the Friendship Center Birthday party when mom and I were there, too. But, as mentioned by the Downey's , the annual Remembrance Day Service, when your father and other family members would lay a wreath in honor of the Canadian Soldiers who liberated Holland - never forgotten, always remembered.
May your memories be ones of joy, learnings, and family times together.

karen Crawford - February 11, 2014 at 05:55 PM

KC

“ Karen Crawford lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ronnie Groeneveld



karen Crawford - February 11, 2014 at 05:46 PM

FD

“ Our thoughts are with all of Mr. Groeneveld's family. We always found his wreath presentation at Remembrance Day services the most touching tribute. That was the moment that made a lump in my throat. His presentations at the Bomber Command were a touch of real history come to life. He will be missed. Ferg and Donna Downey

Ferg and Donna Downey - February 11, 2014 at 04:20 PM

PZ

“ Pat Zebedee lit a candle in memory of Mr.
Ronnie Groeneveld



Pat Zebedee - February 11, 2014 at 03:08 PM

PZ

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the Groeneveld family during this
most difficult time.
Sincere Sympathy.
Len and Pat Zebedee

Pat Zebedee - February 11, 2014 at 03:06 PM

CC

“ Cathy Couey lit a candle in memory of Mr.
Ronnie Groeneveld



Cathy Couey - February 11, 2014 at 09:19 AM